

**Report of the Chief Executive to the Chair and Members  
of the Operational Policing Panel  
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**Status: For noting**

## **Young Persons Local Policing Summary 2009-2010**

### **1. Purpose**

2. This report outlines Cleveland Police Authorities approach to improving participation and engagement with Young People in the Cleveland Police Area. The overall aim of this work is to:
3. Communicate Cleveland Police Authorities Local Policing Plan Summary to young people living in the area.
4. Deliver some of the key messages within the plan to young people and obtain their views on policing priorities for 2010-11.

### **5. Recommendations**

6. Members are recommended to note the contents of the report.

### **7. Reasons**

8. The Serious and Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 introduced the requirement on police authorities to produce and distribute a local policing summary to all council tax paying households in the area. The summaries are seen as a good means of communicating with the public to get across some key messages about the force and its planned activities.

9. For the last two years, Cleveland Police Authority has worked with groups of young people from each of our policing districts to produce a version of the summary specifically for 11-19 year olds. This project has achieved national acclaim through publication in the APA report 'Accountability in Action,' (November 2007), which demonstrated how Police Authorities were making a difference in their localities and in the Spring 2008 edition of the Communities and Local Government Magazine 'We Can!'
10. Production of a young person's summary forms part of our youth engagement and consultation work. This year the project will involve a group of young people from each of the four Local Authority area's in designing and producing the young person's version for each of the four police districts. There are approximately 38,000 young people aged 11-19 in the Cleveland Police Area. Therefore it is proposed that 38,000 copies of the young person's summary be distributed to schools and colleges across Cleveland during September (after the summer holidays).
11. The final documents will be presented by the young people to Cleveland Police Authority and representatives of the Force at a Launch event that will take place at the end of August/early September.
12. All of the work will be undertaken by and with the active involvement of young people and will be delivered with the support of a team of qualified and experienced youth workers. The whole process will be project managed by Just 4 Youth at West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust.
13. West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust offers a unique service as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Units Young Advisors Pilot Project. The scheme allows young people to become better involved in decision making processes and gives young people the opportunity to 'youth proof' local strategies, thus raising the profile of youth engagement.
14. How will young people benefit?
15. The young advisors will receive training from West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust in the skills needed to engage in policy development. There are accredited qualifications for those who want it in the form of an ASDAN Award and the skills and experience gained will be invaluable to building a good CV and demonstrating their positive involvement as active citizens.

## **16. Implications**

### 17. Financial

18. All work will be delivered within the Police Authorities existing strategic planning and consultation budgets.

### 19. Diversity/Equal Opportunities

20. All staff from West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust involved in delivering the project are CRB cleared and their work will be covered by West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust policies and procedures, including Diversity and equality, Child Protection and Health and Safety.
21. Human Rights Act Implications
22. There are no human rights act implications arising from this report.
23. Sustainability
24. There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.
25. **Conclusions**
26. This project will allow young people in the Cleveland Police area to make a positive contribution through better involvement in our decision making processes.

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